

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Allegations of irregularities in "execution of MGNREGS works in Atreyapuram Mandal of erstwhile East Godavari District" taken up by the Panchayat Raj Engineering Personnel of East Godavari District - Departmental proceedings against of **Sri P. Vidyasagar**, the then Executive Engineer, PR Division, Rajamahendravaram (Retired on 31.03.2018) under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charge – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 795

**Dated:16 .11.2023.
Read the following**

G.O.Ms.No.90. PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt.16.11.2023.

ORDER:-

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against of **Sri P. Vidyasagar**, the then Executive Engineer, PR Division, Rajamahendravaram (Retired on 31.03.2018), vide reference read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against the said **Sri P. Vidyasagar**, the then Executive Engineer, PR Division, Rajamahendravaram (Retired on 31.03.2018) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services [Classification, Control and Appeal], 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of the article of charge is enclosed [Annexure-II]. A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed [Annexure III & IV]. Copies of documents are furnished herewith.

3. **Sri P. Vidyasagar**, the then Executive Engineer, PR Division, Rajamahendravaram (Retired) is directed to submit written statement of defence within (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. **Sri P. Vidyasagar**, the then Executive Engineer, PR Division, Rajamahendravaram (Retired) is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charges, which are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. **Sri P. Vidyasagar**, the then Executive Engineer, PR Division, Rajamahendravaram (Retired) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in Para-3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S. [CC&A] Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte.

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6. The receipt of this G.O. may be acknowledged.
(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P. Vidyasagar, the then Executive Engineer, PR Division,
Rajamahendravaram (Retired). **through** the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat
Raj, AP, Vijayawada, (with a request to serve the same on the C.O. and
furnish the acknowledgment copy]

Copy to:-

The Director General, General Administration (V&E) Department,
Vijayawada.

The Secretary to VC, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P.,
Velagapudi

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ANNEXURE - I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.VIDYASAGAR, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PR DIVISION, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM (RETIRED ON 31.3.2018).

CHARGE:

That Sri P. Vidyasagar, the then Executive Engineer, PR Division, Rajamahendravaram (retired on 31.3.2018) has recommended payment for inferior quality of the following works 1 & 2 and did not check measure the works which was a violation of guidelines under clause 6 (vi) of Govt. Memo No.42243/Estt.I(1)/99-2, dt.09.02.2000, thereby misusing the Government funds and resulting in loss caused to the Government exchequer.

Work No.1: "Providing Under Ground Drain (UGD) from Karnamgari field to Panchayat officer (Bit-I) at Kattunga (V) in Atreyapuram (M)" (ID No.04706431009080025).

Work No.2: "Providing Under Ground Drain from Karnamgari field to Panchayat officer (Bit-II) at Kattunga (V) in Atreyapuram (M)" (ID No.047064310009080023).

By his above mentioned act, Sri P.Vidyasagar, the then Executive Engineer, PR Division, Rajamahendravaram (retired on 31.3.2018) has failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

Hence Charge.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.VIDYASAGAR, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PR DIVISION, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM (RETIRED ON 31.3.2018)

BASIS:

In the Vigilance Report No.50(311//V&E/Engg/2018-1), dt.06.12.2022 of the Director General, G.A.(V&E) Dept. has informed that the Vigilance and Enforcement Department officials enquired into the allegations of irregularities in execution of CC roads & drains in Atreyapuram (M) of erstwhile East Godavari District under MGNREGS taken up by Panchayat Raj Engineering Department and reported as follows:

"Work No.1: Providing Under Ground Drain (UGD) from Karnamgari field to Panchayat Officer (Bit-I) at Kattunga(V) in Atreyapuram(M)(ID No.04706431009080025)". At the time of V&E inspection, the work of CC drain walls were completed and recorded in M.Book. Payment was made for bed concrete and drain walls for a length of 220 metres out of 285 metres proposed i.e. from KM 0/045 to KM 0/265 by the time of V&E inspection.

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As of now, 2nd & part bill payment was made to the agency for an amount of Rs.15,01,986/- vide MB No.129/A/2016-17 duly deducting VAT and seigniorage charges, etc, as per norms in vogue. Final bill is yet to be made. It was noticed that the part bill payment was made without check measurement by the concerned Executive Engineer although the Executive Engineer had to check measure the work as per clause 6(vi) of Govt. Memo No.42243/Estt.I(1)/99-2, PR&RD(PROGS)Dept., dt. 09.02.2000. The physical measurements of CC drains were verified and found to have tallied with the recorded measurement in M.Book. As per clause 17.4.3 of IS 456:2000, concrete in the member represented by a core test shall be considered acceptable if the average equivalent cube strength of the cores is equal to at least 85 percent of the cube strength of the grade of concrete specified for the corresponding age and no individual core has a strength less than 75 percent.

Sl. No.	Grade of concrete	Permissible equivalent cube compressive strength limits	
		Individual strength (N/mm ²)	Average strength (N/mm ²)
1	M15	11.25	12.75
2	M20	15.00	17.00

Concrete cores were extracted from hardened concrete components of drain work by engaging 3rd party agency viz. M/s.KDM Engineers (India) Private Ltd., NABL accredited Laboratory, Visakhapatnam and tested in the presence of concerned field officers.

Core No.	Location of the core extracted	Grade of concrete	Compressive strength in N/mm ²		Remarks
			Achieved	Required	
	L/S Drain wall				
1	L/s wall @ KM 0/050, 0.30m from top	M15	3.5	11.25	Failed
3	L/s wall @ KM 0/165 on top of wall	M15	9.0	11.25	Failed
5	L/s wall @ KM 0/200, 0.32m from top	M15	6.4	11.25	Failed
	Average		6.30	12.75	Failed
	R/S Drain wall				
2	R/s wall @ KM 0/090, 0.45m from top	M15	9.4	11.25	Failed
4	R/s wall @ KM 0/190, 0.30 m from top	M15	7.9	11.25	Failed
5	R/s wall @ KM 0/210, 0.38m from top	M15	7.3	11.25	Failed
	Average		8.20	12.75	Failed

The above test results revealed that the concrete cores extracted from the C.C. drains failed to achieve required compressive strength of the specified M15 grade concrete as per IS 456:2000. The L/s drain wall and R/s drain walls were found to be liable for rejection.

Hence, the rejected components should be reconstructed at the cost and risk of the agency or an amount of Rs.10,13,883/- is proposed to be recovered from the agency.

"Work No.2: Providing Under Ground Drain from Karnamgari field to Panchayat office (Bit-II) at Kattunga (V) in Atreyapuram (M) (ID No.047064310009080023)".

At the time of V&E inspection, the work of CC drain walls for a length of 180 metres of 280 metres was completed. Payment was also made for an amount of Rs.9,38,631/-. The construction work of balance drain wall was in progress. As of now, the work was completed and 2nd & part bill payment was made to the agency for an amount of Rs.13,97,681/- vide M.Book No.271/B/2016-17 duly deducting VAT and siegniorage charges etc, as per norms in vogue. Final bill is yet to be made.

It was noticed that the part bill payment was made without check measurement by the concerned Executive Engineer although the Executive Engineer had to check measure the work as per clause 6(vi) of Govt. Memo No.42243/ Estt.I (1) /99-2, PR&RD (PROGS)Dept., dt. 09.02.2000.

The physical measurements of CC drains were verified and found to have tallied with the recorded measurement in M.Book.

Concrete cores were extracted from hardened concrete components of drain work by engaging 3rd party agency viz. M/s.KDM Engineers (India) Private Ltd., NABL accredited Laboratory, Visakhapatnam and tested in the presence of concerned field officers.

The test regulars were as follows:

Core No.	Location of the core extracted	Grade of concrete	Compressive strength in N/mm ²		Remarks
			Achieved	Required	
	L/S Drain wall				
7	L/s wall @ KM 0/010, 0.37m from top	M15	6.6	11.25	Failed
10	L/s wall @ KM 0/075, 0.30m from top	M15	2.3	11.25	Failed
13	L/s wall @ KM 0/160, 0.38m from top	M15	6.0	11.25	Failed
	Average		4.97	12.75	Failed
	R/S Drain wall				
9	R/s wall @ KM 0/020, 0.36m from top	M15	11.8	11.25	Satisfactory
12	R/s wall @ KM 0/130, 0.34m from top	M15	2.0	11.25	Failed

14	R/s wall @ KM 0/170, 0.38m from top	M15	10.0	11.25	Failed
	Average		7.93	12.75	Failed
	Bed concrete				
8	Bed @ KM 0/014.5	M 15	8.2	11.25	Failed
11	Bed @ KM 0/080	M 15	7.9	11.25	Failed
15	Bed @ KM 0/105	M 15	7.5	11.25	Failed
	Average		7.87	12.75	Failed

The above test results revealed that the concrete cores extracted from the L/s drain wall & R/s drain wall and bed concrete failed to achieve required compressive strength of the specified M15 grade concrete as per IS 456:2000. The L/s drain wall and R/s drain wall and bed concrete were found to be liable for rejection.

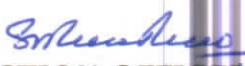
Hence, the rejected components should be re-laid at the cost and risk of the agency or an amount of Rs.9,26,040/- is proposed to be recovered from the agency.

The V&E Dept. has not accepted the version of the officers and concluded the allegations that the drain works taken up under SC & ST plan were executed with substandard quality and without mixing the ingredients of concrete in specified proportions in the villages of Athreyapuram (M) and without proper supervision of departmental officers was substantiated as explained above.

Thus, Sri P.Vidyasagar, the then Executive Engineer, PR Division, Rajamahendravaram (retired from service on 31.3.2018) has failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 and failed to follow the departmental procedure and resulting in loss caused to the Government exchequer.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.VIDYASAGAR, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRDIVISION, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM (RETIRED ON 31.3.2018) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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Vigilance Report No.50(311/V&E/Engg./2018-1), dt.06.12.2022 of the Director-General, Genl. Admn. (Vigilance and Enforcement) Dept.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.VIDYASAGAR, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PR DIVISION, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM (RETIRED ON 31.3.2018) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

- NIL -

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